

Boxborough Energy Committee January 2016 Minutes

Date/Location: Wednesday, January 13, 2016, Community Center, 7:00-8:30 PM

Attending: Members: Francie Nolde, Margo Webber, Keshava Srivastava, Larry Grossman

BOS Representative: None

Guests: None

Members Absent: Les Fox, BoS Representative, Richard Garrison, Santiago Tapia-Perez, Abby Reip, Rebecca Morrison

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 10, 2016

Minutes

- December minutes were accepted.
- Francie said the Town of Boxborough has a new building inspector. His name is Gerry Noel and he will meet with the committee during the March meeting.
- Rebecca Morrison has resigned from the energy committee.
- Rebecca has also not been able to work on the Boxborough Master Plan and Francie has been filling in for Rebecca. The committee voted and approved Francie to be the energy committee representative for the Master plan.
- Francie recapped the 2030 master plan. On January 25, the Board of Selectmen and planning board members were going to vote on approving/endorsing the master plan. When approved, it will be put on line for residents to see. Some items in the master plan are to improve energy efficiency in municipal buildings and provide energy education to residents.
- Francie got an estimate from New England Clean Energy for putting solar panels on the library roof. A 9 KW system would cost between \$50-60,000 and would only provide 9% of the electric usage.
- Francie talked to Scott Edwards, the general manager for LELD. Scott said there would be no cap on municipal buildings installing solar systems. LELD recommended that LELD buy all the electricity generated by a library solar system from the Town and then charge the library for what it uses. The library has a rubber roof and shingles on the peak and sloped roof.
- Selina and Francie have a meeting set up with Solect Energy, a private solar installer, to talk about installing a system on the library roof.
- Francie and Selina will meet with LELD on February 11 to talk about solar issues. This will be the day after the next Energy Committee meeting.
- The energy committee needs to brainstorm ideas, projects and goals that it will pursue. All energy committee members are to think up ideas and bring them to the next meeting, Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

Action items:

- Margo will give Larry contact for MEI electric usage database
- Francie will talk to Vicki and get the compactor data.
- Francie will meet with Solect Energy about installing a solar system on the library roof.
- Everyone needs to brainstorm potential projects and future goals for the energy committee to pursue.